

4 March 1985
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Bangkok Bureau - February 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau remained open late several evenings to handle late-breaking items on the 25 February Pakistan parliamentary elections, but the poll was conducted quietly and largely without incident. The opposition's boycott was not effective, as 53% of those eligible voted, but, somewhat surprisingly, five of Ziaul Haq's ministers lost in their bids for seats, necessitating an immediate cabinet reshuffle.

After having overrun the headquarters of the KPNLF faction of the Cambodian resistance forces in early January, Vietnam turned its attention to the Phnum Malai mountain stronghold of the Khmer Rouge faction in February and overran that as well. Only days before this action, the resistance coalition government's president, Prince Sihanouk, had conducted his annual acceptance of diplomatic credentials in this "showcase" enclave. The clandestine military radio VONADK became silent during the assault and returned to the air again 4 days later, apparently broadcasting from a more northerly region of the Cambodian-Thai border area. The military reverses occasioned new expressions of support from ASEAN, including a foreign-ministerial meeting in Bangkok that called for increased military aid to the resistance, and speculation over the longterm political and military effects. One line of thinking is that the resistance forces will need to expand their operations within the Cambodian interior in classic guerrilla warfare a strategy that seems reflected in reports carried by their radios.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Beginning with its 4 February broadcasts, the Thai radio Voice of Free Asia provided more extensive time for its Indochinese-language programs. Its Cambodian service devoted a great deal of air time to the activities and statements of Sihanouk, who was in the area most of the month. Press reports indicated the step-up resulted from growing Thai concern about Vietnam's role in the region.

2. The bureau sent four FYI's on the possible relocation of the transmitter of the Cambodian resistance military radio and fielded several calls from local consumers on the situation.

3. AG approved a bureau request to switch from wirefiling the program summary from the Moscow Cambodian 1330-1400 GMT cast to pouching the summary periodically.

B. Technical

Eight bureau employees attended a successful 8-day CRW training course on IBM-PC's which was conducted at the bureau. The two trainers highly praised their apt and eager students.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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1. Indonesian-Malay monitors [redacted] were promoted to FBN-8 effective 3 February.

2. A 3-month English-language training course was started for personnel at the Bang Ping receiver site.

IV. VISITS

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A. An auditor, [redacted] was at the bureau and at Bang Ping 11-13 February reviewing administrative and property records and procedures.

B. Samart Sriyanong, a representative of Thai National Security Council Secretary General Prasong, visited the bureau on 22 February to follow up a conversation between Prasong and the bureau chief at lunch the previous day.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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A. The family of Chief Monitor [redacted] received only 2-days' prior notice of the long-awaited arrival of [redacted] from Vietnam on 23 February. The two will be settled in the Seattle area [redacted]

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B. Bureau personnel spent much of the month tracking down pirated video copies of the film "Killing Fields" to view the possible Academy Award performance of Cambodian Unit Chief [redacted]. A reward is being offered for the first ex-Bangkok Bureau staffer who can correctly identify [redacted] key role in this film.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

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Monthly Production Report

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 589,230 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 265,190 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1,322 |

| <u>BROAD-CASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLI-CATION</u> |
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(minutes or issues per week)

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| 19,650 min. | 20,450 min. | 248.00 issues |
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)AUSTRALIA

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| Melbourne Overseas Service in English | 35,670 | |
| Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English | | 530 |
| Sydney THE BULLETIN in English | | 3,830 |
| Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English | | 0 |

BANGLADESH

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|--|-------|-----|
| Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali | 1,650 | |
| Dhaka Domestic Service in English | 2,420 | |
| Dhaka Overseas Service in Bengali | 460 | |
| Dhaka Overseas Service in English | 280 | |
| Dhaka BSS in English | | 940 |
| Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali | | 250 |
| Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English | | 0 |

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| Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English | | 280 |
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BURMA

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| Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese | 4,140 |
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| <u>BROAD- CASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLI- CATION</u> |
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| Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese | | 0 |
| Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese | | 0 |
| Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese | | 0 |
| Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English | | 0 |

CHINA

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| Beijing International Service in Bengali | 0 |
| Beijing International Service in Burmese | 140 |
| Beijing International Service in Indonesian | 550 |
| Beijing International Service in Lao | 0 |
| Beijing International Service in Thai | 880 |
| Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea | 2,520 |
| Beijing in Hindi to India | 0 |
| Beijing in Malay to Malaysia | 0 |
| Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan | 0 |

CLANDESTINE

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| (Clandestine) Vietnam Resistance Radio in Vietnamese | 0 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian | 29,370 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay | 7,790 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of The National Army Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian | 17,120 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in Burmese | 1,720 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of The People of Malaysia in Malay | 340 |

HONG KONG

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| Hong Kong AFP in English | 0 |
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INDIA

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| Delhi Domestic Service in English | 33,100 |
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| Delhi General Overseas Service in English | 2,930 | | |
| Bombay PTI in English | | 450 | |
| Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English | | 0 | |
| Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English | | | 0 |
| Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali | | | 0 |
| Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English | | | 0 |
| Delhi INDIA TODAY in English | | | 3,660 |
| Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English | | | 780 |
| Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English | | | 0 |
| Delhi PATRIOT in English | | | 890 |
| Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English | | | 1,310 |
| Madras THE HINDU in English | | | 0 |

INDONESIA

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|---|--------|--|-------|
| Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian | 13,550 | | |
| Jakarta International Service in English | 1,060 | | |
| Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian | | | 0 |
| Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English | | | 0 |
| Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian | | | 1,540 |
| Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian | | | 2,010 |
| Jakarta SINAR HARAPAN in Indonesian | | | 1,810 |
| Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian | | | 460 |
| Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English | | | 0 |

KAMPUCHEA

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|---|--------|-------|--|
| Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian | 46,300 | | |
| Phnom Penh SPK in English | | 9,090 | |
| Phnom Penh SPK in French | | 6,950 | |

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| Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane | | 0 | |
| Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi | | 0 | |
| <u>LAOS</u> | | | |
| Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao | 38,430 | | |
| Vientiane KPL in English | | 11,690 | |
| Vientiane KPL in English/French to SPK Phnom Penh | | 0 | |
| Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh | | 0 | |
| Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi | | 0 | |
| Vientiane PASASON in Lao | | | 0 |
| <u>MALAYSIA</u> | | | |
| Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English | 2,700 | | |
| Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay | 1,710 | | |
| Kuala Lumpur International Service in English | 8,280 | | |
| Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English | | | 3,310 |
| Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English | | | 770 |
| <u>NEPAL</u> | | | |
| Katmandu External Service in English | 460 | | |
| Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English | | | 0 |
| <u>PAKISTAN</u> | | | |
| Karachi Domestic Service in English | 5,010 | | |
| Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu | 12,990 | | |
| Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu | 3,100 | | |
| <u>SINGAPORE</u> | | | |
| Singapore Domestic Service in English | 1,810 | | |
| Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English | | | 2,460 |

| | <u>BROAD- CASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLI- CATION</u> |
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| Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English | | | 300 |
| <u>SRI LANKA</u> | | | |
| Colombo Domestic Service in English | 3,690 | | |
| Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil | 0 | | |
| Colombo International Service in English | 4,380 | | |
| Colombo DAILY NEWS in English | | | 640 |
| Colombo SUN in English | | | 0 |
| Colombo WEEKEND in English | | | 0 |
| <u>THAILAND</u> | | | |
| Bangkok Domestic Service in English | 4,600 | | |
| Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai | 9,750 | | |
| Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian | 5,950 | | |
| Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English | 2,890 | | |
| Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao | 0 | | |
| Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai | 3,800 | | |
| Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese | 140 | | |
| Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English | | | 45,840 |
| Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English | | | 22,520 |
| Bangkok DAO SIAM in Thai | | | 1,160 |
| Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai | | | 0 |
| Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai | | | 0 |
| Bangkok MATICHON in Thai | | | 1,450 |
| Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai | | | 0 |
| Bangkok PATINYA in Thai | | | 0 |
| Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai | | | 0 |
| Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai | | | 260 |

| | <u>BROAD- CASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLI- CATION</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai | | | 0 |
| Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai | | | 1,640 |
| Bangkok THE NATION REVIEW in English | | | 29,140 |
| Bangkok WIWAT in Thai | | | 0 |

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

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|--|-------|--|--|
| Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Burmese to Burma | 2,320 | | |
| Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea | 2,980 | | |
| Moscow in Hindi to India | 4,360 | | |
| Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia | 1,350 | | |
| Moscow in Lao to Laos | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Thai to Thailand | 1,100 | | |
| Moscow in Urdu to India | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan | 790 | | |

UNITED KINGDOM

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| London BBC World Service in English | 3,160 | | |
| Moscow International Service in Tamil | 0 | | |

VIETNAM

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| Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese | 71,190 | | |
| Hanoi International Service in Cambodian | 0 | | |
| Hanoi International Service in English | 6,840 | | |
| Hanoi International Service in Thai | 370 | | |
| Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese to NHAN DAN Ho Chi Minh City | | 0 | |
| Hanoi VNA in English | | 1,910 | |
| Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese | | | 25,040 |

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Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in
Vietnamese

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Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in
Vietnamese

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